**Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—May I know why the increased pay was not granted according to the recommendations of the Superintendent of Registration?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—The financial commitment.

## Outbreak of pests in paddy lands in Nemmara

193. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petition from the people of Nemmara about the damage caused to paddy and other agricultural crops by the locust (പുൽപൊന്ത്);

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken till now to prevent such damage?

(c) how far have the Government's efforts proved effective?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—(a) There was no petition from the people of Nemmara. But in Karkadagam last there was a letter from the President of the Panchayat about a pest in paddy lands.

(b) The Agricultural Inspector and the Entomologist were at once ordered to inspect the fields and carry out the control measures. The methods of control were demonstrated in the infected fields and the ryots in the adjoining fields were also advised to carry out similar measures in case of a similar outbreak.

(c) The reported fields were in an advanced stage of infestation and the severity of attack disappeared soon after the measures were adopted.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻചെട്ടിയാർ.— കൃഷിക്ക ദോഷംവരാത്തവിധത്തിൽ ഒരു ഏർപ്പാട്ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെൻറിന്ന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൃഷ്ണവാര്യർ.— കൃഷിക്ക് ഉപദ്രവമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അത് ഉടനെതന്നെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറിന്ന് അറിവുകൊടുക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഉടനടി അതിനുവേണ്ട നിവാരണം ഗവമ്മെൻറ ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്നതാണ്.

## Marketing Officers—work done by.

194. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what time has elapsed since the appointment of Marketing Officers in Cochin;

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(b) what is the work turned out by these up-to-date?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—(a) The Marketing Officer for crops took charge on 28th Meenam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock on 1st Medam 1110.

(b) They are engaged in a Marketing Survey of the State with particular reference to the following commodities:—

rice, wheat, groundnuts, linseed, fruits, tobacco, livestock, hides and skins, milk, eggs and also a study of markets and fairs and co-operative marketing in the State.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Are wheat, groundnut and tobacco grown in the State?

**Mr. President.**—There was a question on that point last meeting. It was made clear then that the survey is not with regard to the products of the State but includes the products of British India also.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to order these officers to enter upon a similar survey regarding the most important articles that are grown here?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—It has already been explained that the survey is being conducted according to the instructions given by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Can we not take the same with the marketing survey now carried on with a view to see that our products find better markets?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—When the present survey is over the products that are grown in our State will also be taken up.

**Mr. P. J. Alexander.**—Why is not cocoanut included?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—Because there was a survey by the special officer and a report was submitted and some action was taken by the Government.

**Mr. P. J. Alexander.**—Does cocoanut stand excluded from the purview of the survey officers?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—A survey was already conducted and after the present items are taken up this will be included afterwards.

**Mr. President.**—Has the Hon'ble Member got any document giving the history of the marketing survey?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—No.

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**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Are we to understand that the marketing survey in the State is carried on according to the dictates of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research with a slavish mentality attached to us?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—It is not a question of slavish mentality.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Realising that cocoanut and arecanut are the most important products in the State how is it that you did not take them in the purview of the survey?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—These are confined to certain particular areas. But here an All-India survey is conducted.

**Mr. President.**—It is because the House is not fully aware of the circumstances under which the marketing survey has been started and is being conducted that all these questions are being legitimately asked. The marketing survey is really part of an All-India survey which was started at the initiative of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and we are simply co-operating with the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research in helping them to make a survey on the lines chalked out by them. Marketing survey is not started in the State with a view of the particular requirements of the State. That probably will have to be done later on. The present survey is done as part of the co-ordination work of the survey started by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

I think you are to circulate a note to the Hon'ble Members.

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.**—It was mentioned on the floor of this House last time that the survey of the local products or products of this State will be conducted after the part of the programme on which the marketing officers have now entered is completed.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—By what time do the Government hope to complete this work?

**Mr. President.**—There is no use of asking by what time the Government will complete this work.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know whether, before entering upon the survey which is only part of the All-India survey which is being conducted, representations were made to the authorities at the proper time to take in our products also in the survey?

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**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—This question was pressed with regard to the cocoanut and other products but then it was said it will be included after the present survey was over.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Is it impossible to do it simultaneously?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—It is quite impossible because their attention may have to be diverted to other duties and they may not be able to finish the work in time.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Considering the importance of the two products will the Government be pleased to make some special arrangement for carrying on a survey with regard to the products of the State?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—Yes.

**Protection of cocoanuts and cocoanut products.**

195. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are in possession of the report of the Sub-committee of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research on the question of protection to cocoanuts and cocoanut products;

(b) whether a copy of the same can be placed on the Council Table?

**Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.**—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy is appended. *(Appendix III.)*

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— May I know whether reports on the various subjects dealt with by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research from time to time could not be made available to the Members of this House as they are got by the Government?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.**— Certainly. Such of the reports as are available to us can be supplied.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**— May I suggest that it may be published in the Government Gazette?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.**— That depends upon the length of the report.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— May I request the Government that some methods may be found out to have these reports available to the Members as they are received by the Government?

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